



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
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## **The Commandant's Environmental Stewardship Commitment**

The United States Coast Guard is recognized as America's Maritime Guardian. We have long been charged with enforcing the laws and regulations that protect our country's **marine environment**, responding to vessel pollution, and restoring waterways following a disaster. As Environmental Stewards, we make a commitment to the American public and to future generations, not only to protect the environment, but also to **demonstrate** these values in our organization.

To maintain the public's trust, the Coast Guard will incorporate environmental best practices in all we do. We will

Develop an organizational capability to disseminate best practices, reduce environmental liabilities, and help all units achieve and maintain environmental compliance;

Undertake the *Federal Electronics Challenge* for recycling computers and other electronics;

Increase the use of biofuels in our vehicle fleet by 15% over each of the next four years;

Utilize sustainable design principles so that **25% of new construction projects** will meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards by the end of my watch;

Fully implement Environmental Management Systems (EMS) at major Coast Guard industrial units by the end of my watch.

I challenge all Coast Guard units to improve the environment, and to reduce our environmental footprint. Do your part, wherever you are within the organization, to make environmental stewardship a Coast Guard core competency.

Semper Paratus,

T.W. ALLEN  
Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard